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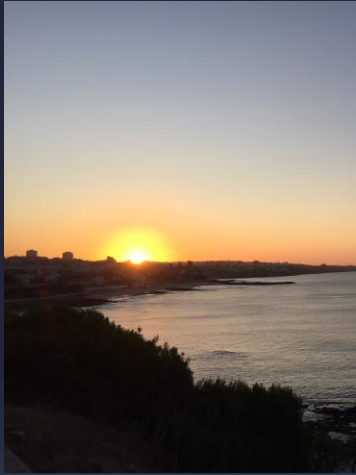
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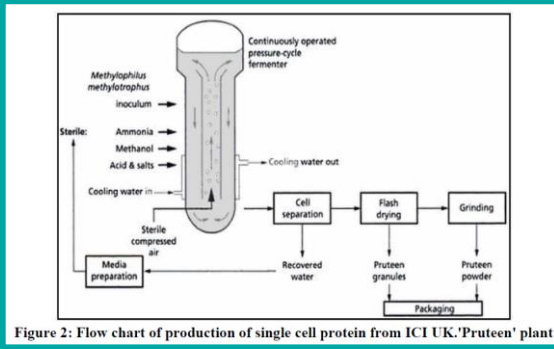
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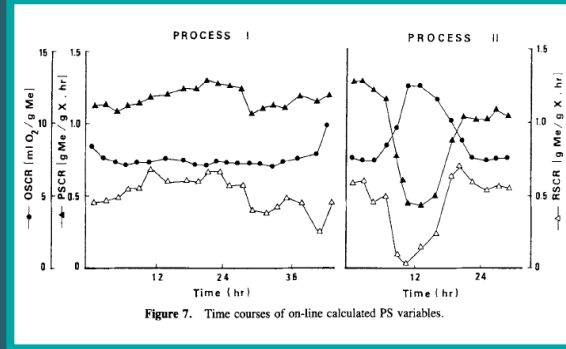


# Brief history of my involvement with continuous bioprocessing

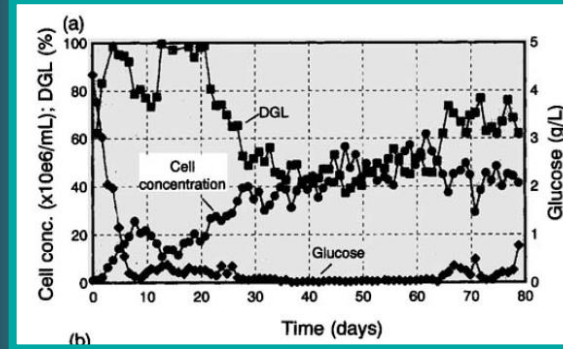
1970s: SCP continuous process using methanol (ICI)



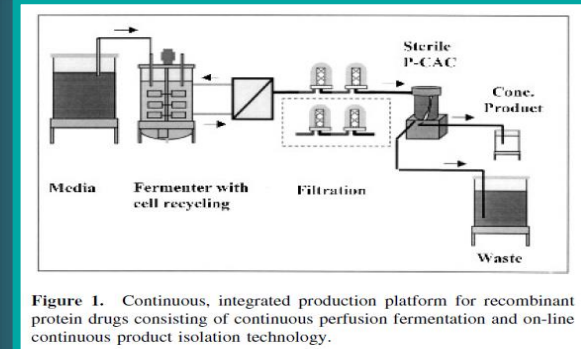
1989: B&B - SCP continuous process optimization & control (Osaka U)



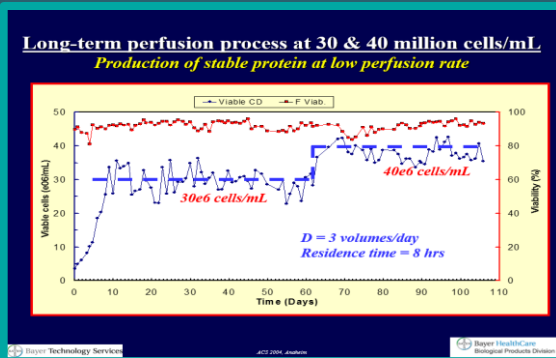
1996: B&B - large scale continuous NS0 process for Mab (Bayer)



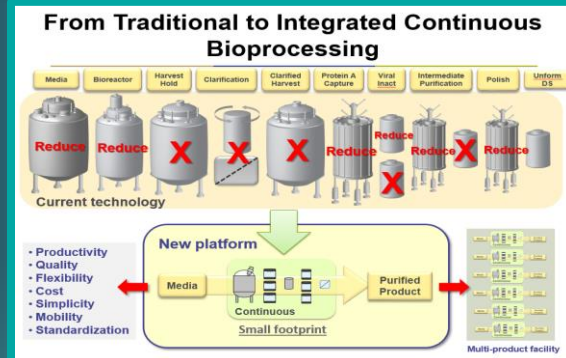
2002: B&B - USP/DSP integration using annular chrom (Bayer)



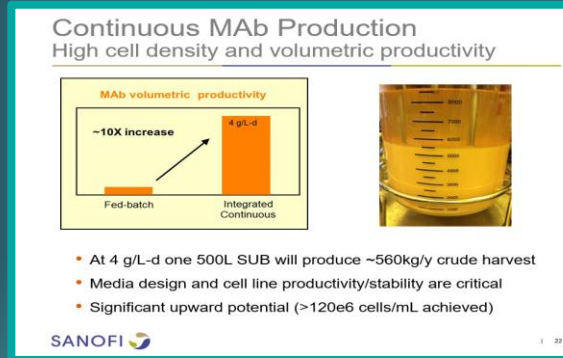
2004: ACS industrial award to Bayer for perfusion technology dev



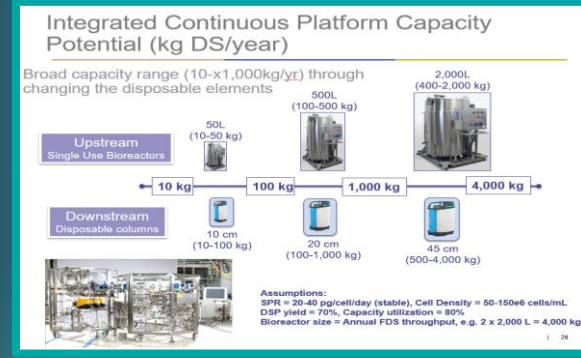
2012: B&B - Integrated continuous biomanufacturing (Genzyme)



2014: Progress with continuous Mab production (Genzyme)



2015: Capacity of a fully integrated continuous system (Genzyme)



# The principle of requisite variety

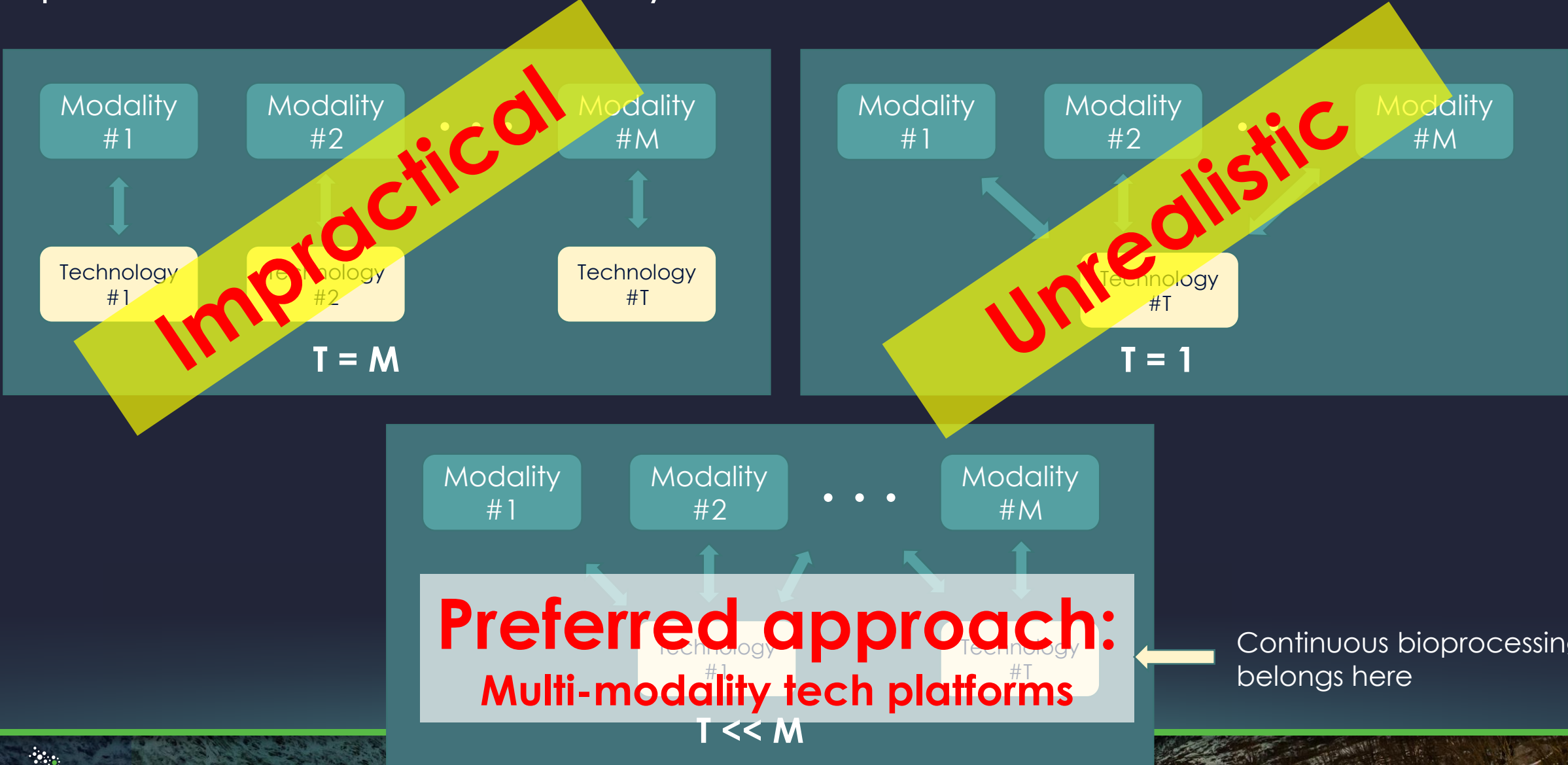
W. Ross Ashby (1956): [\*An Introduction to Cybernetics\*](#)

*If a system is to be stable, the number of states of its control mechanism must be greater than or equal to the number of states in the system being controlled.*

*“ .... only variety can destroy variety ”*

***Exosomes: A new modality with a tremendous therapeutic potential***

# Biotherapeutic Modalities and Technologies for Their Manufacturing: Importance of Multi-Modality Production Platforms



# Exosome Science and Bioprocess Engineering have evolved independently

## Bioprocess Engineering

- Rich experience with MAbs & mAbs
- Upstream/Downstream/Fill-finish
- Cell Culture Engineering
- Protein Recovery
- Analytics & Characterization
- Mature, yet fast advancing
- Industry dominated

## Codiak

- Bridge the two fields
- Integrate the best science & process technology
- Hire people from both fields

## Exosome Science

- New field
- Advancing, but not yet mature
- Academia (2016 ISEV: 95% academic participants)
- Companies, mostly startups
- Large scale applications
- Tremendous therapeutic potential



# Exosomes: A New Biotherapeutic Modality

Introduction to Exosome Biology

Approach to Exosome Manufacturing

Recent Results and Path Forward

Biological  
Research

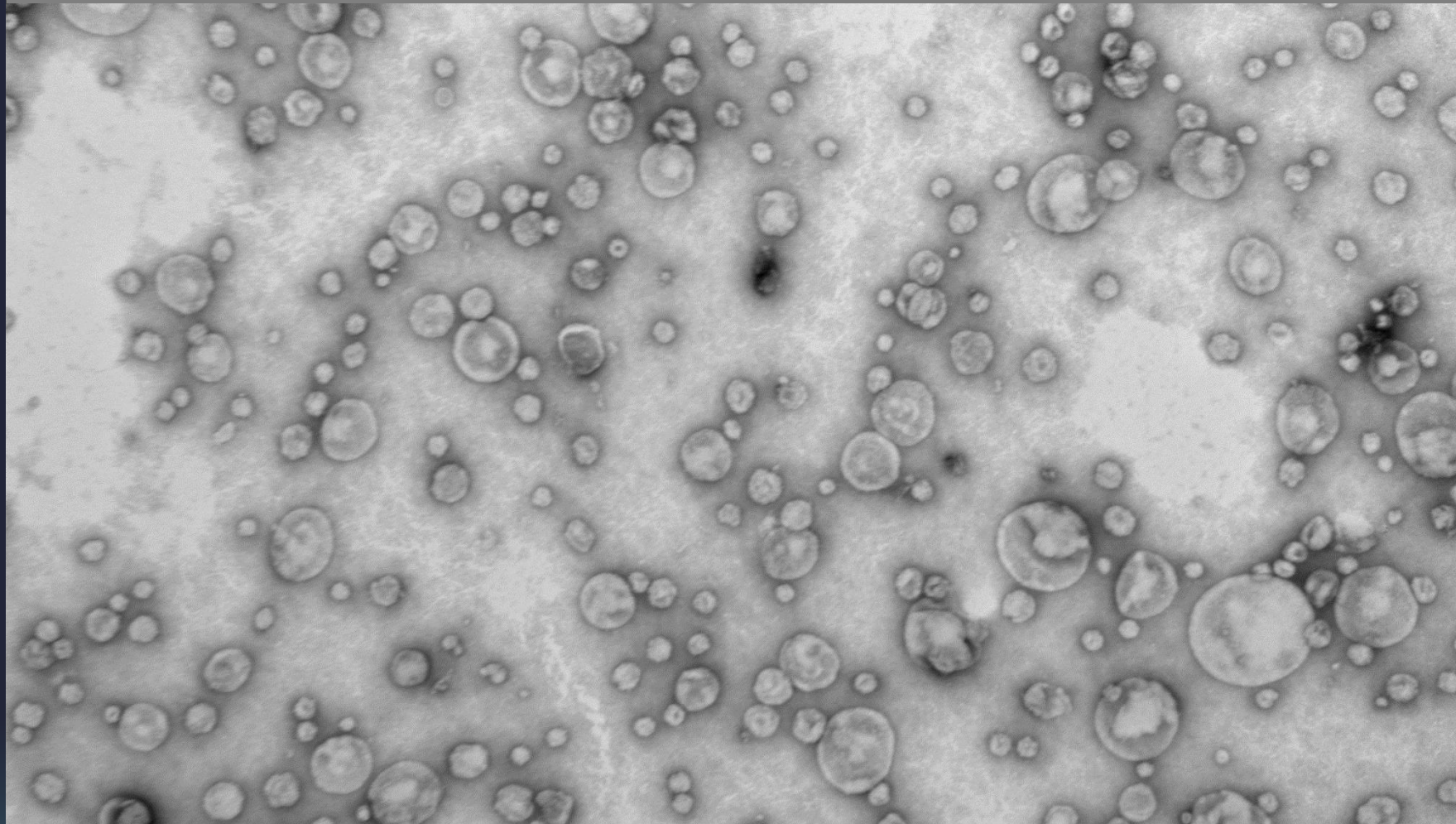
  
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# Exosomes: Next Generation Biologicals

EM image: Purified exosomes from human cells



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Nikki Ross, Codiak BioSciences exosome isolation data

400 nm  
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AMT Camera System

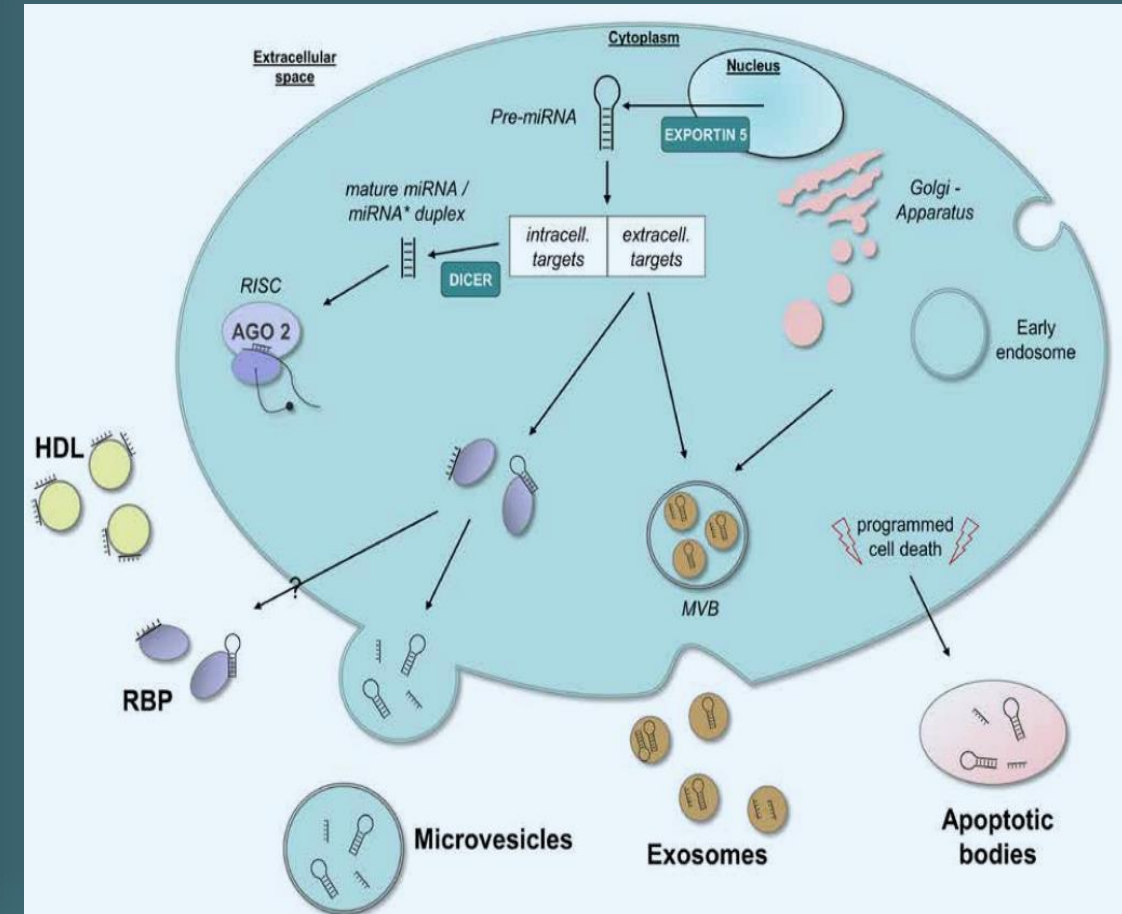
# Exosome Biology

Subclass of Extracellular Vesicles

Produced by all living cells

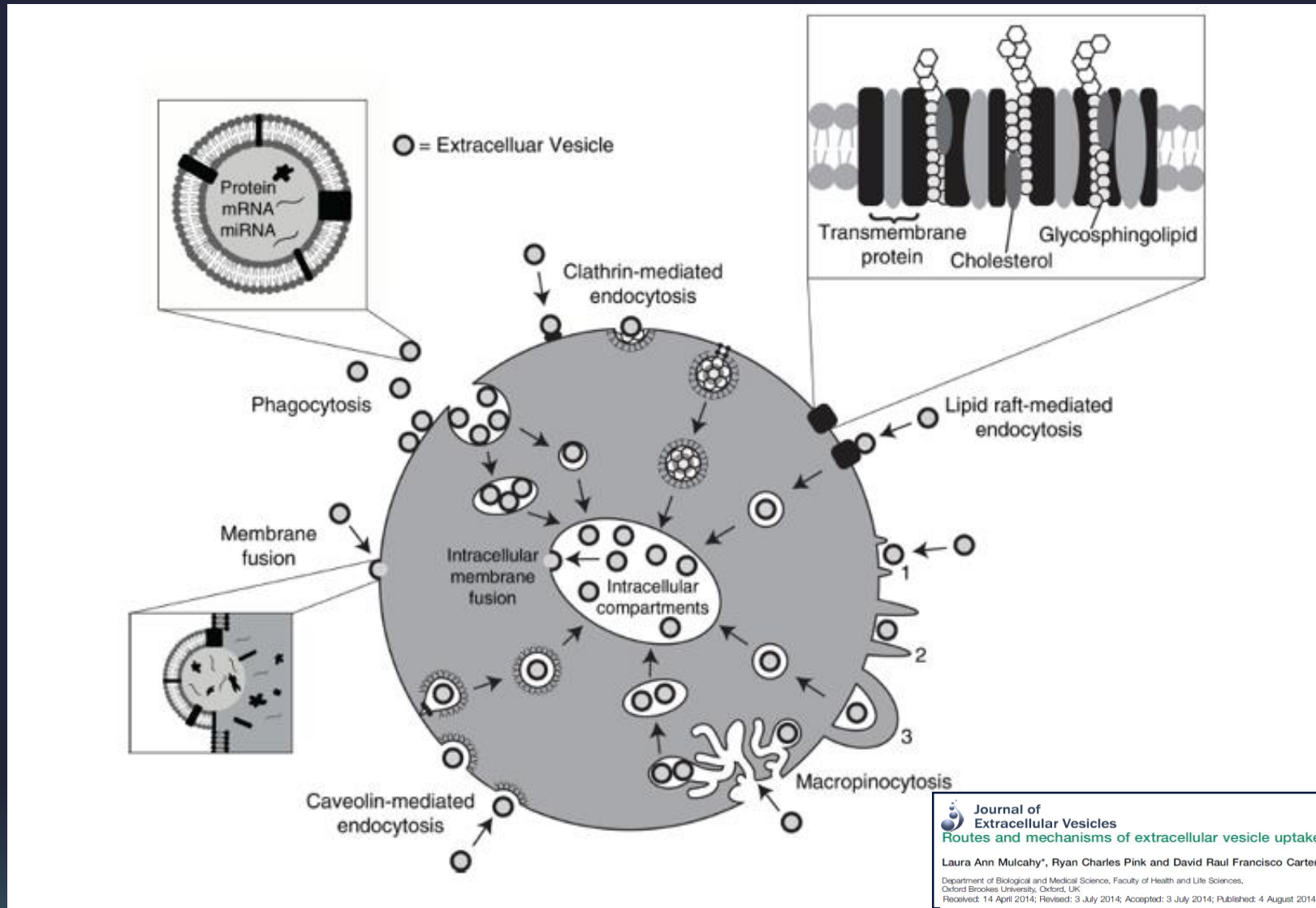
Native information carrier between tissues

Protected from the immune system





# Mechanisms for Exosome Uptake by Cells

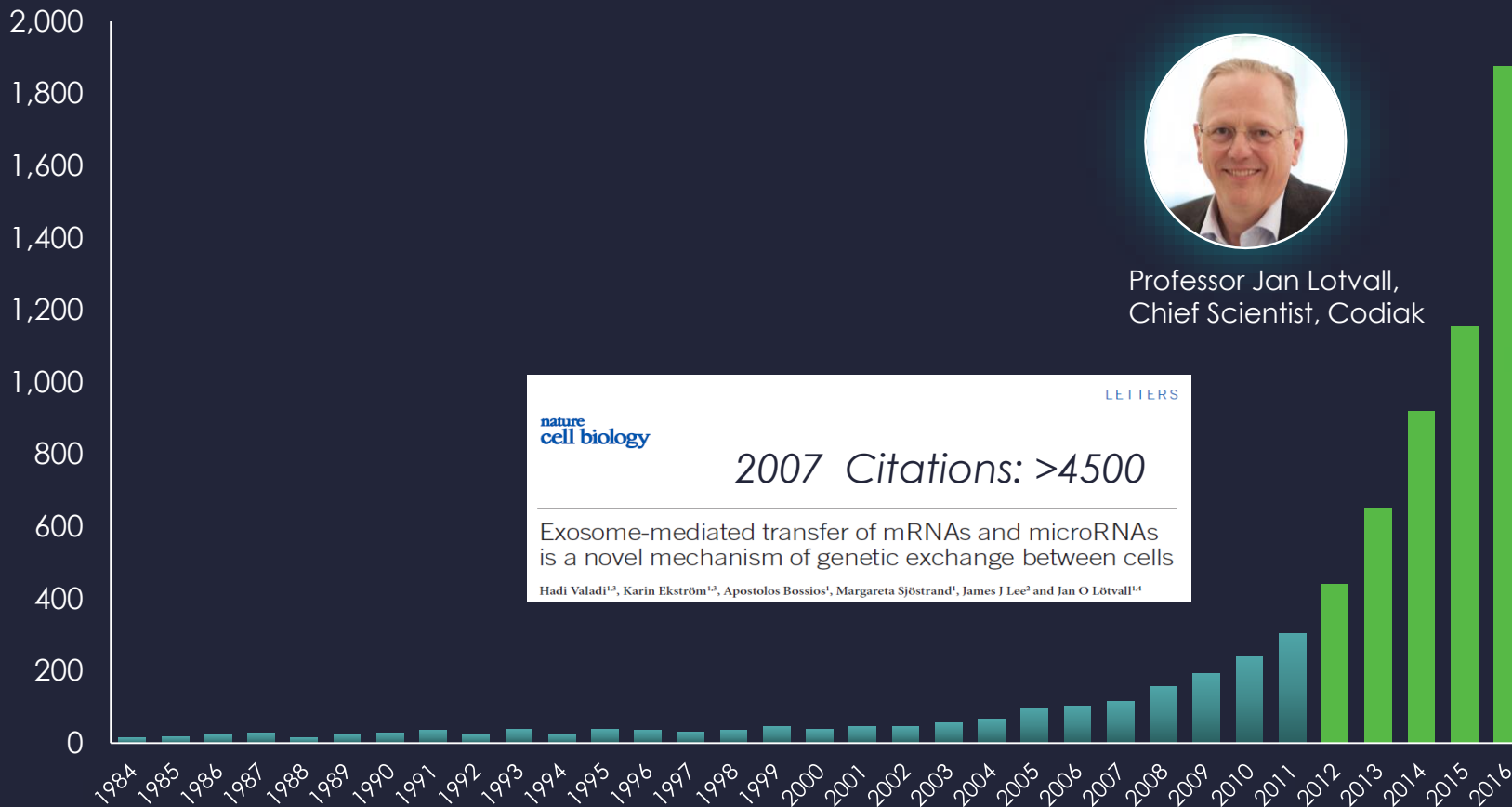


# Exosome Terminology Can Be Confusing

- Many “-somes” in the literature
  - Exosomes, endosomes, ectosomes, oncosomes, dectosomes, connectosomes, gohstosomes, vexosomes, FedExosomes, ...
- No standard definition translatable into characterization methods
- Typical exosome attributes
  - Size (40~200 nm)
  - Canonical surface proteins (CD9, CD47, CD63, CD81, etc.)
  - Relevant functional assays (uptake, biodistribution, etc.)
  - However, above attributes overlap with other Extracellular Vesicles



# Explosion in Exosome Knowledge

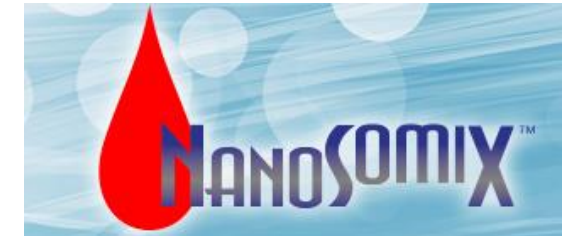


Professor Jan Lötvall,  
Chief Scientist, Codiak

Since 1983,  
~70%  
Published  
in Last  
5 Years

**Peer Reviewed Exosome Publications 1983 – 2016**

# Rapidly Growing Number of Exosome Companies



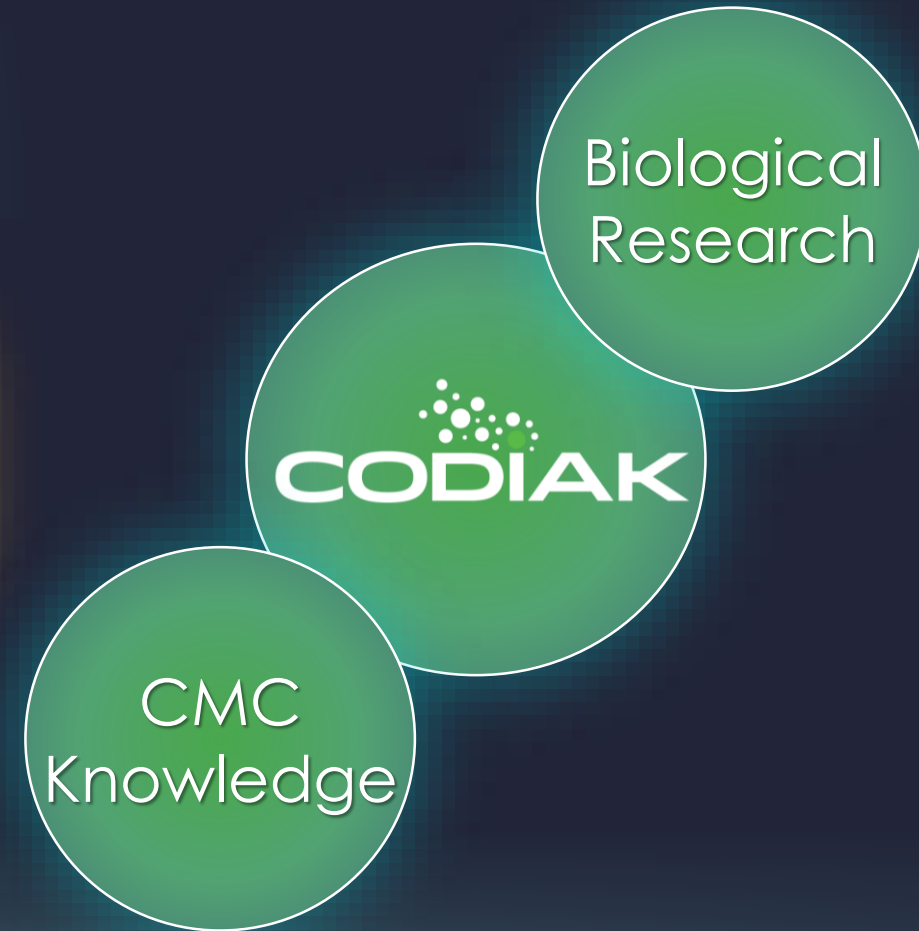


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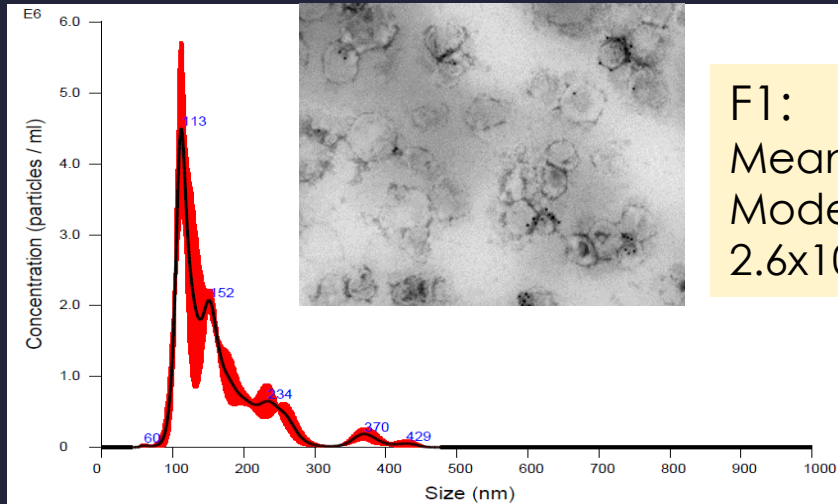
# Challenges in Exosome Manufacturing

- New scientific field, so far driven mostly by academia. Low level of maturity and standardization
- Limited analytics & characterization
- Insufficient sample purity complicating data interpretation
- High complexity
- Non-scalable exosome production process

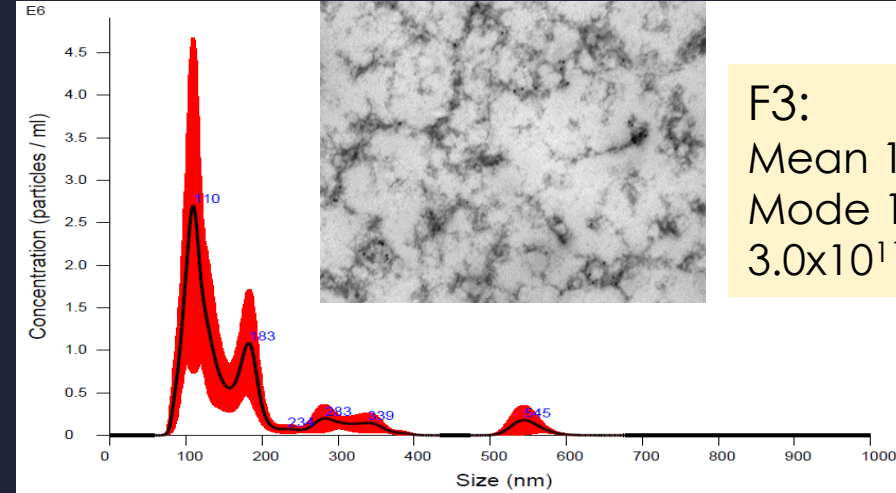


# Nanoparticle Tracking Analysis (NTA) is used routinely for exosome titer & size characterization

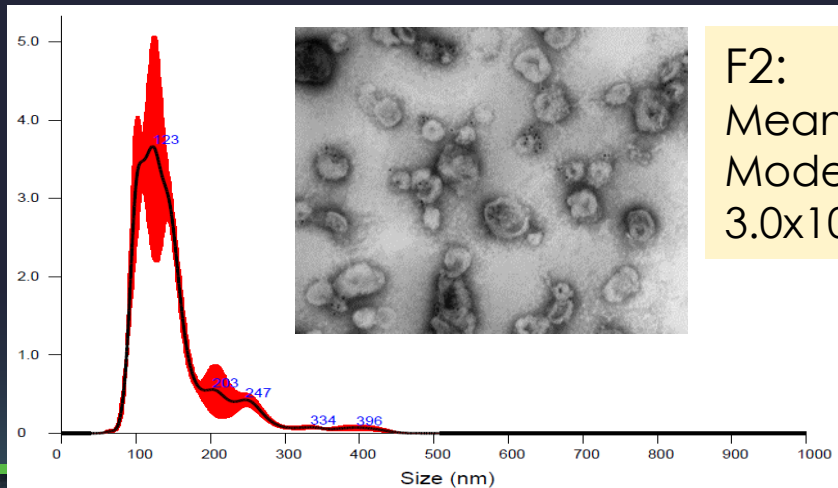
*However, NTA does not differentiate exosomes from non-exosome particles*



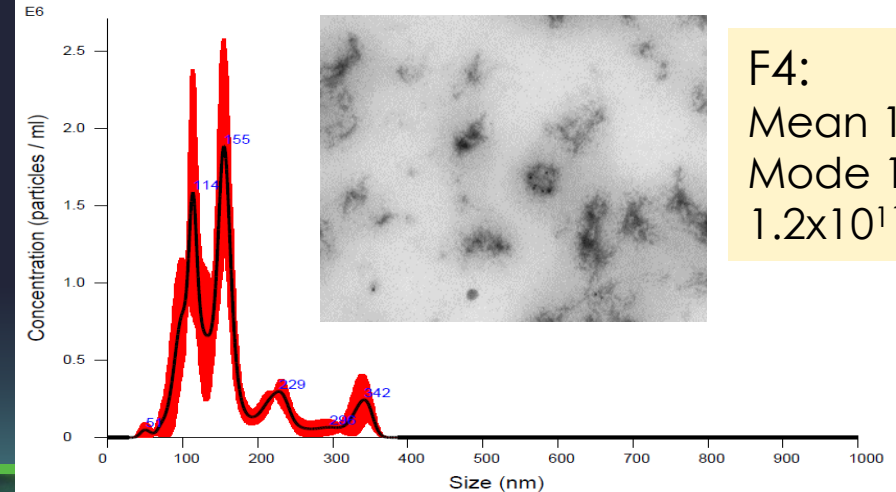
**F1:**  
Mean 162.5nm  
Mode 112.1nm  
 $2.6 \times 10^{11}$  P/ml



**F3:**  
Mean 173.3nm  
Mode 109.4nm  
 $3.0 \times 10^{11}$  P/ml



**F2:**  
Mean 149.1nm  
Mode 122.2nm  
 $3.0 \times 10^{11}$  P/ml



**F4:**  
Mean 159.1nm  
Mode 154.9nm  
 $1.2 \times 10^{11}$  P/ml

F1  
F2  
F3  
F4

# A Typical Current (Academic) Process

Grow adherent cells (typically primary MSCs) in serum



Wash and remove old media, grow cells without serum



2000 g spin, 30 minutes, 4C to remove cells (discard pellet)



12000 g spin, 45 minutes, 4C to remove cell debris (discard pellet)



Dilute supernatant in sucrose cushion



110,000 g spin, 120 minutes, 4C (discard supernatant)



Resuspend pellet and wash in PBS



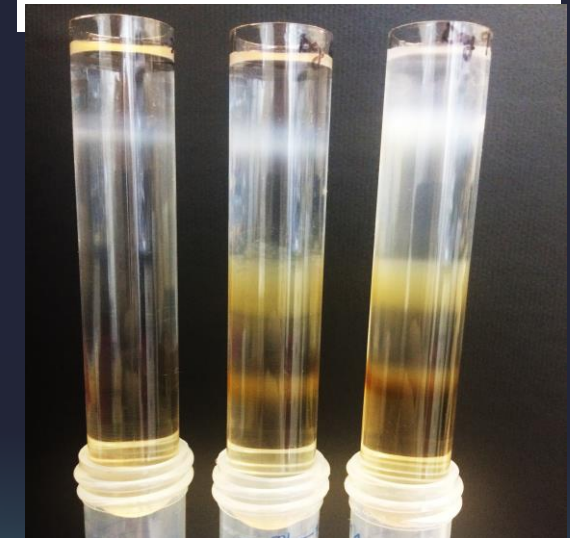
110,000 g spin, 70 minutes, 4C (discard supernatant)



Resuspend pellet and wash in PBS

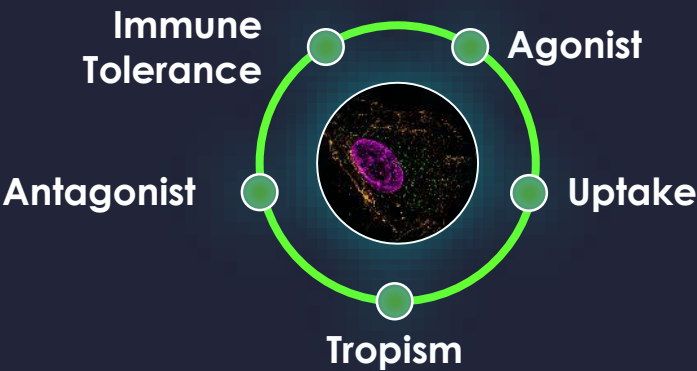


Perform particle count, freeze in PBS or alternate solution



# The Codiak Exosome Platform

## SURFACE ENGINEERING



## LOADING SPECIFIC PAYLOADS

Nucleic Acids – DNA, RNA



Small Molecules



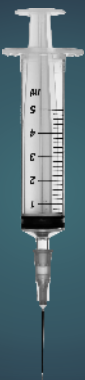
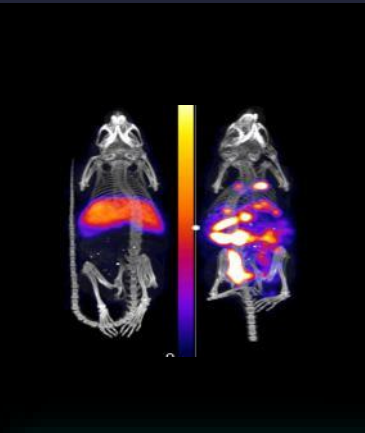
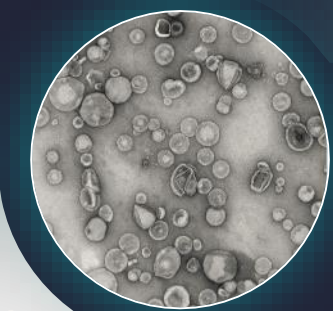
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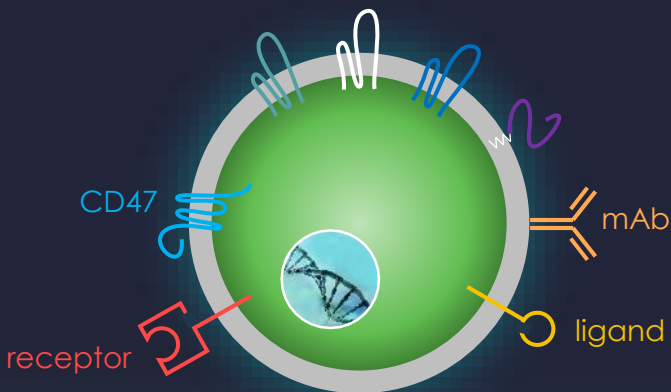
CRISPR



Lipids



## LOCAL OR SYSTEMIC DELIVERY

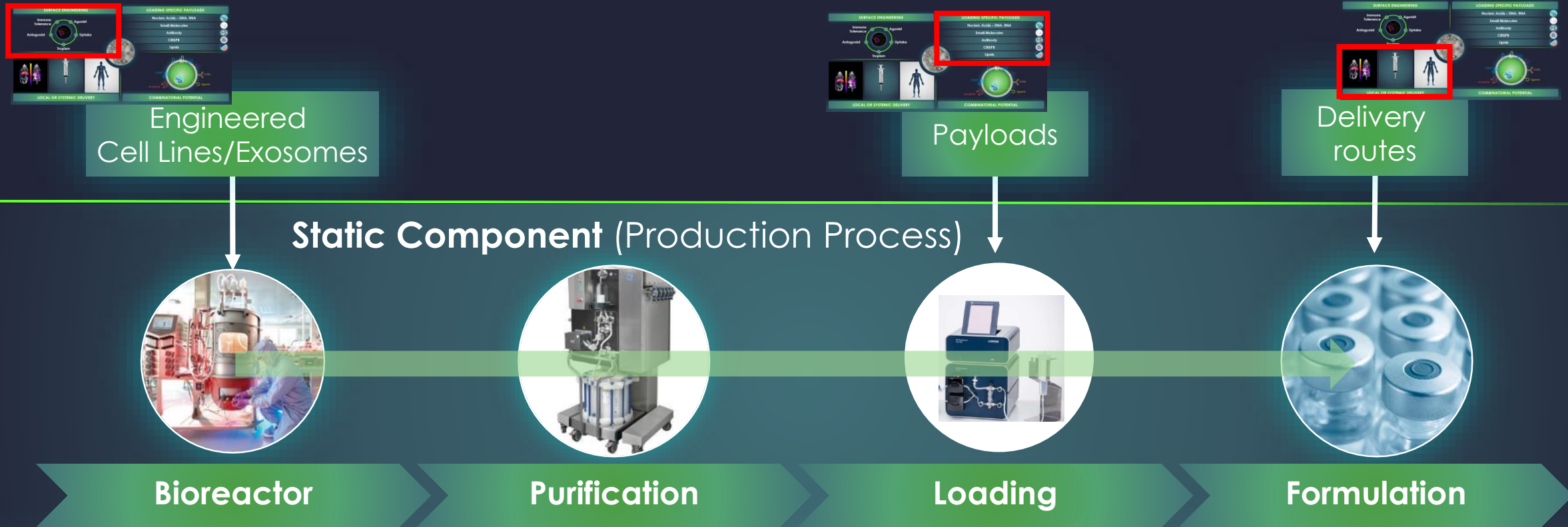


## COMBINATORIAL POTENTIAL



# Plug-and-Play Manufacturing Technology: Integration of Codiak's Biological and Production Platforms

**Three Variable Components** (Cell Lines, Payloads, Delivery Routes)



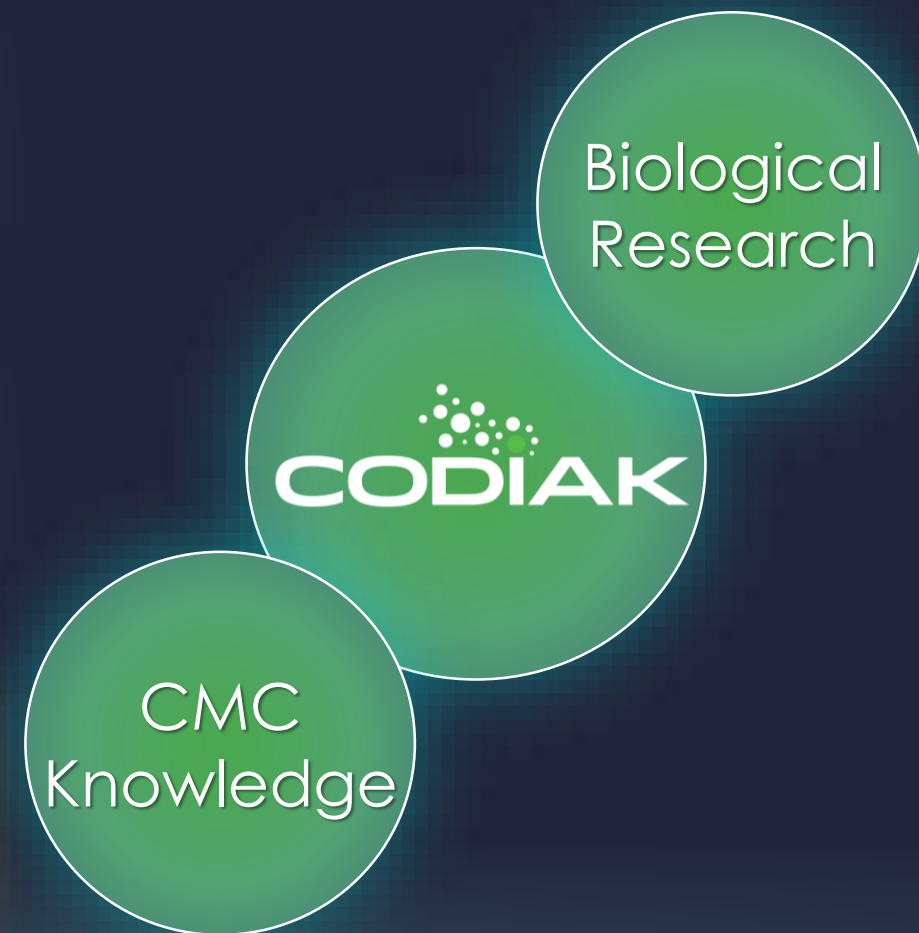
**Advanced Upstream, Downstream, Analytics | Scalable | Low COGS**

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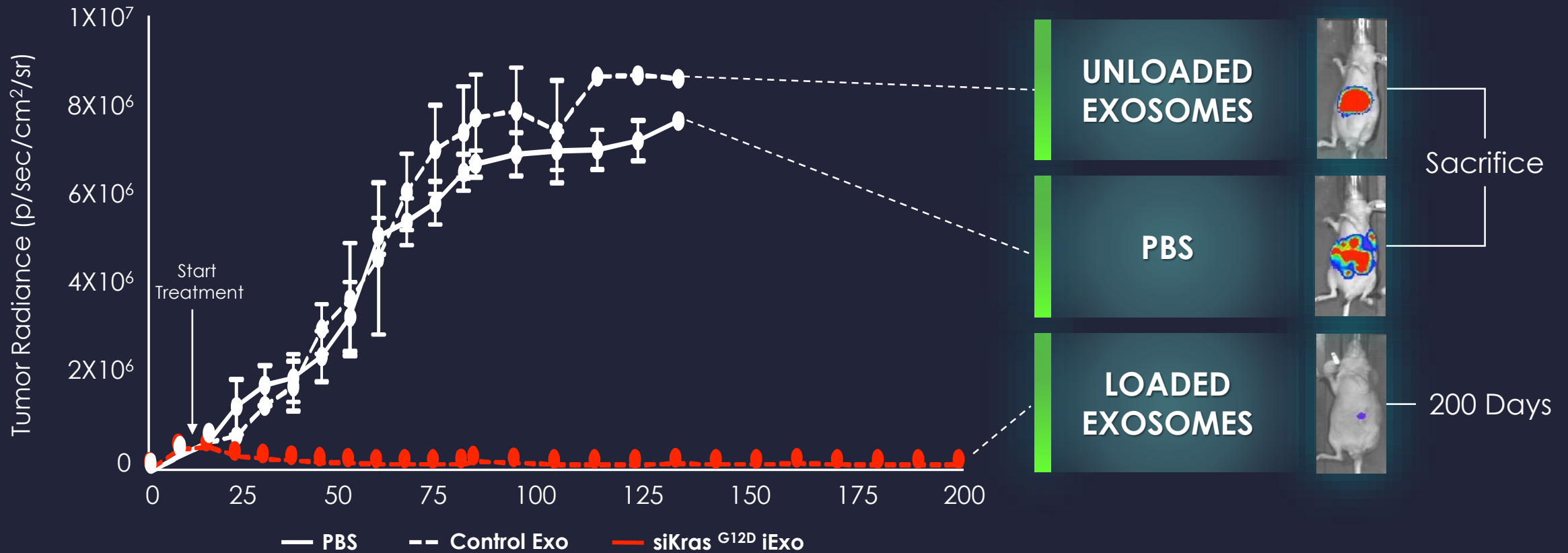
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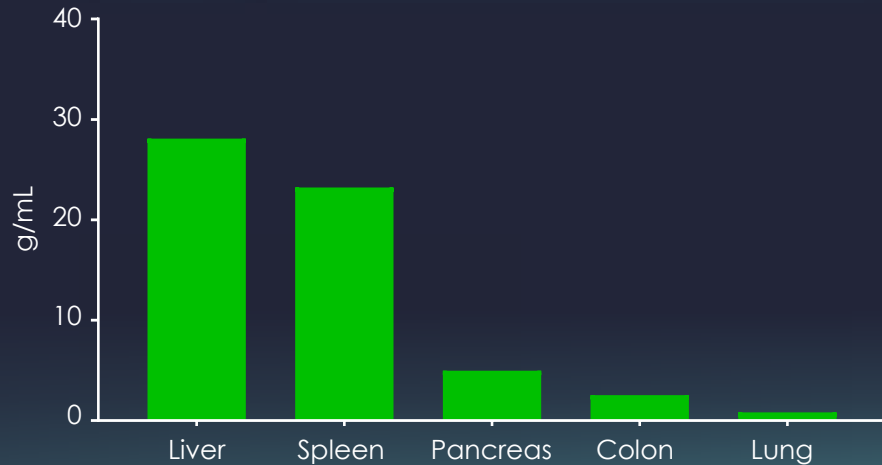
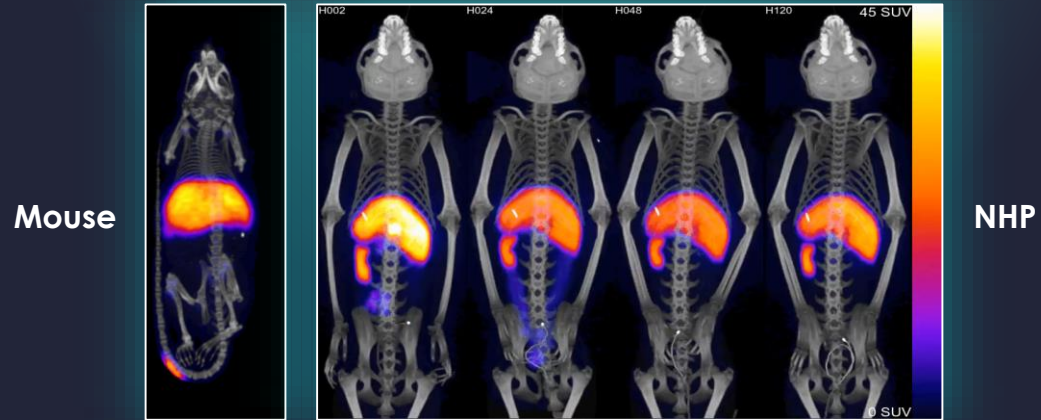
# Targeting KRAS with siRNA-Loaded Exosomes



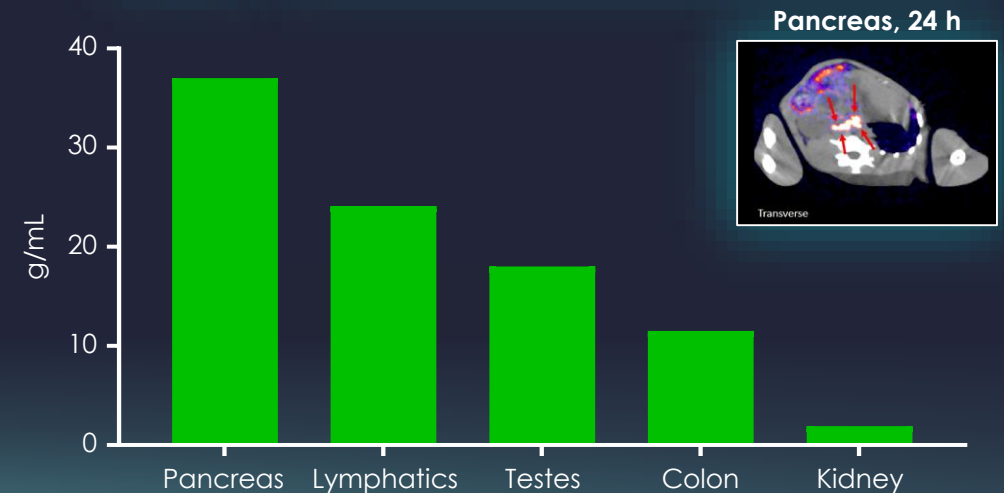
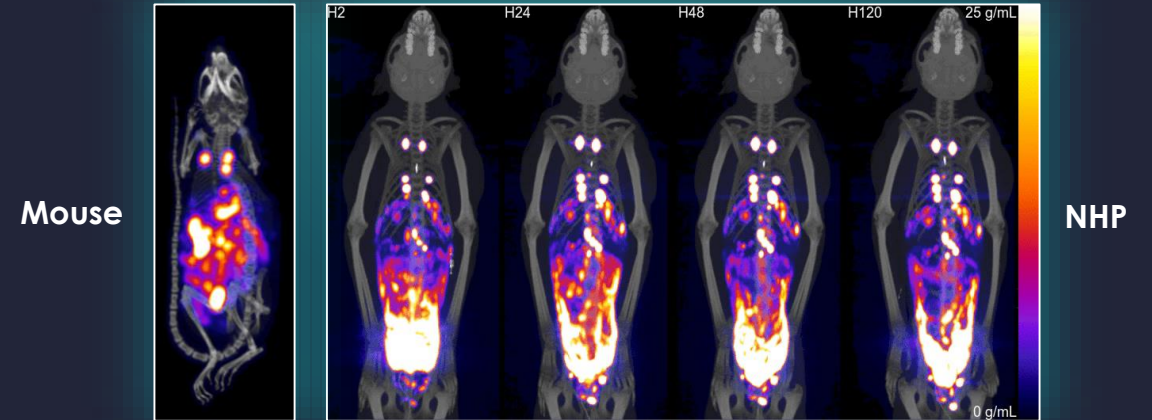


# Distribution of Exosomes in Healthy Tissues

## Intra-venous

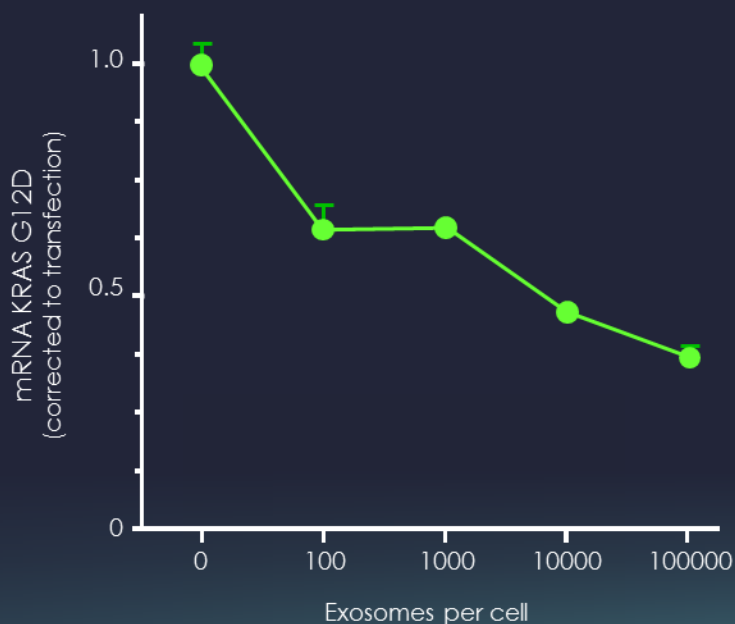


## Intra-peritoneal

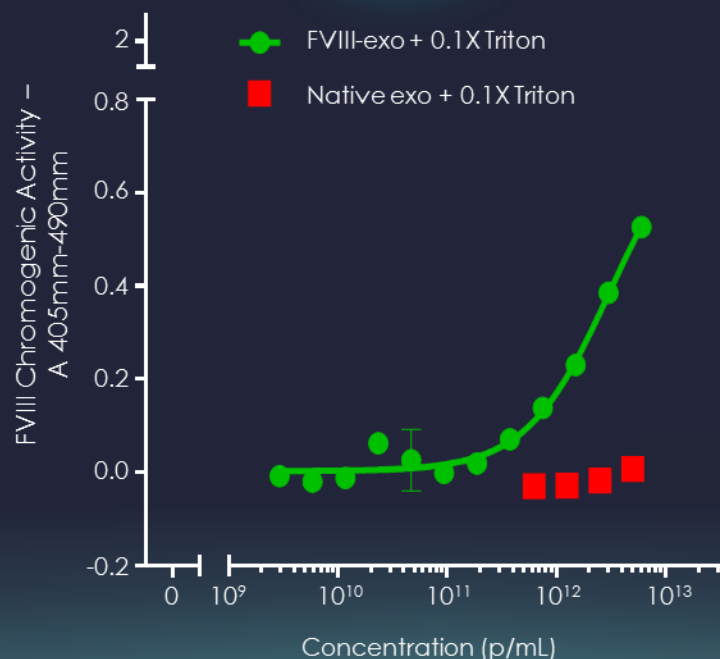
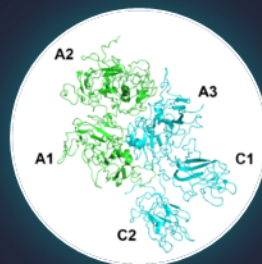


# Broad Capacity to Incorporate Cargo

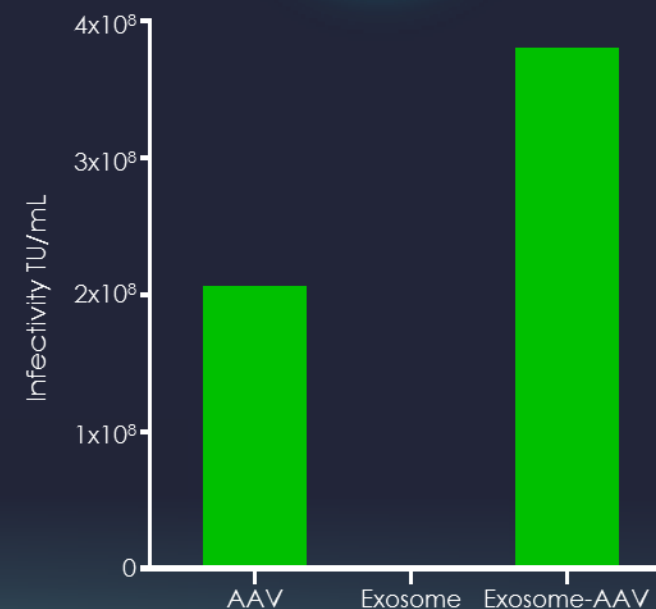
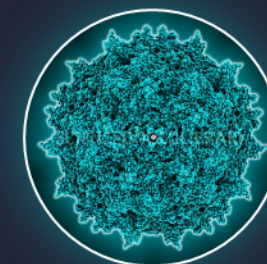
## siRNA



## Coagulation Factor VIII



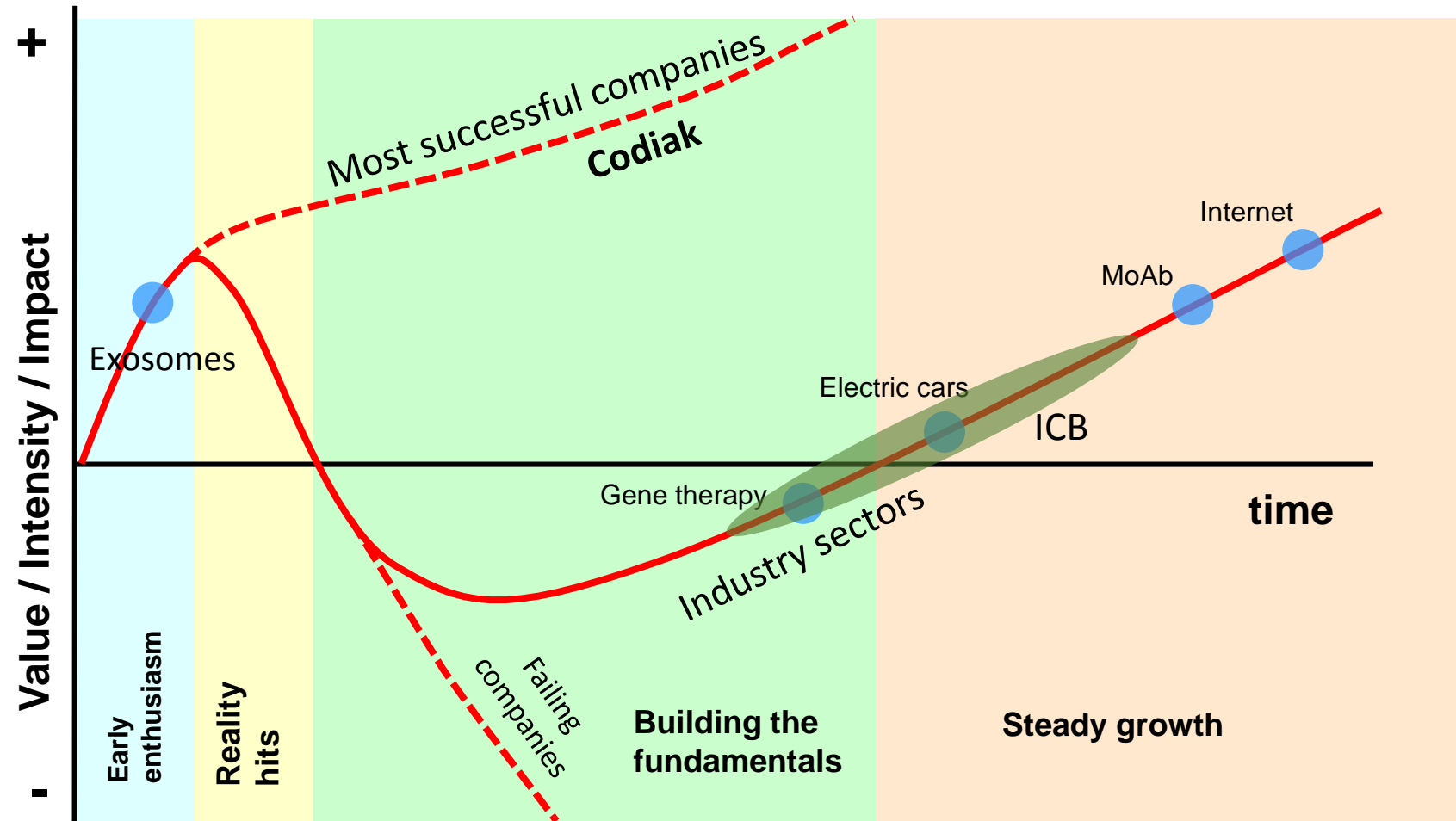
## AAV



# Introduction of Advanced New Technologies

Internet, monoclonal antibody, electric cars, gene therapy, etc.

*Where is exosome technology and Codiak?*





# Moving forward ...

Continuous  
biomanufacturing

+

Exosomes

# Stay tuned!

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